



CALIFORNIA High-Speed Rail Authority

Media Advisory

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Media Advisory **Tour Construction Progress of Fresno River Viaduct**

SACRAMENTO, Calif. – The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is hosting a media tour to highlight the progress of construction at the Fresno River Viaduct. The viaduct is the first vertical structure being built as part of the California High-Speed Rail program, with over 75 separate businesses contributing to the process. Significant construction work began in June and most recently, the construction team has been working to construct the 16 columns that will support the approximately 1,600 foot length of the viaduct.

The Fresno River Viaduct will span from Raymond Road to Watson Street in Madera County, crossing over the Fresno River and State Route 145, parallel to the Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) tracks. The bridge is part of Construction Package 1 (CP 1), the first 29-mile construction area that stretches from Avenue 17 in Madera County to East American Avenue in Fresno County. It is the first of three bridges that will be constructed in this package.

WHAT: Media Tour of Fresno River Viaduct Construction Activities

WHO: Jeff Morales, Chief Executive Officer
Diana Gomez, Central Valley Regional Director
Hugo Mejia, Construction Package 1 Construction Manager
Kate Clark, Operations Manager, Moore-Twining

WHEN: Thursday, October 29, 2015 at 11:30 a.m.

WHERE: Fresno River Bridge located at Intersection of Highway 145 and the BNSF tracks near the Fresno River in Madera County

NOTE to media: Please wear closed toed shoes and arrive 10 minutes early for safety briefing.

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About California High-Speed Rail Authority

The California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) is responsible for planning, designing, building and operation of the first high-speed rail system in the nation. California high-speed rail will connect the mega-regions of the state, contribute to economic development and a cleaner environment, create jobs and preserve agricultural and protected lands. By 2029, the system will run from San Francisco to the Los Angeles basin in under three hours at speeds capable of over 200 miles per hour. The system will eventually extend to Sacramento and San Diego, totaling 800 miles with up to 24 stations. In addition, the Authority is working with regional partners to implement a statewide rail modernization plan that will invest billions of dollars in local and regional rail lines to meet the state's 21st century transportation needs. To learn more visit the Authority's website at <http://www.hsr.ca.gov> and join us on [facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaHighSpeedRail) and follow us at twitter.com/cahsra